

9. The medical apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
an expanded condition defining an increased inner diameter and outer diameter, wherein  
the medical apparatus is capable of expansion to the expanded condition.

10. The medical apparatus of claim 9, wherein the expanded condition further defines  
a conical shape of the medical apparatus.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has attempted to respond to each and every rejection set forth in the  
outstanding Office Action. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant  
respectfully requests that the application be reconsidered, the claims allowed and the application  
passed to issue.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current  
Amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW  
CHANGES MADE."

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

8. (Amended) The medical apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
a compressed condition defining a reduced inner diameter and outer diameter, wherein  
the [endoprosthesis]medical apparatus is capable of compression to the compressed condition.
9. The medical apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:  
an expanded condition defining an increased inner diameter and outer diameter, wherein  
the [endoprosthesis]medical apparatus is capable of expansion to the expanded condition.
10. The medical apparatus of claim 9, wherein the expanded condition further defines  
a conical shape of the [endoprosthesis]medical apparatus.